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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a response to the Notice of Appeal received November 13, 2003 originally required a reply by January 13, 2004.

Applicants desire additional time to respond to the Notice of Appeal and therefore request that the deadline for reply to the Notice of Appeal be extended under the provisions of Rule 136(a) to February 13, 2004. Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$100.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 13, 2004

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS.

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